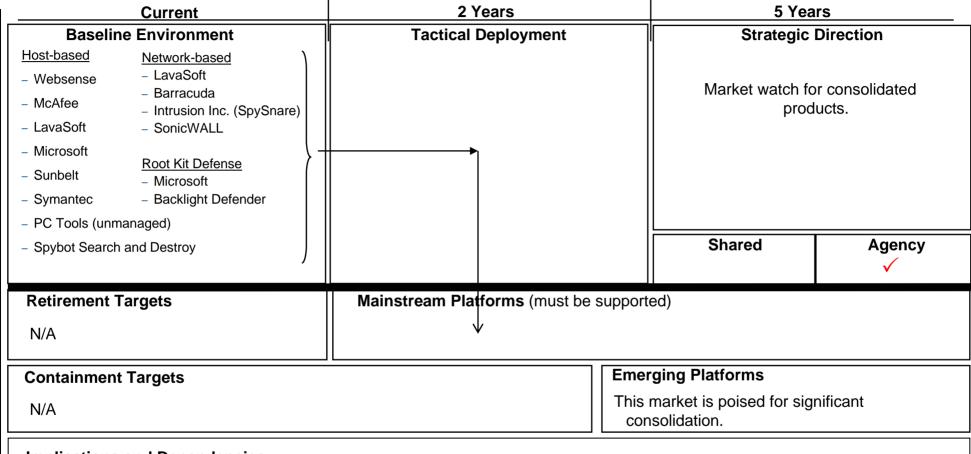
# **DISCIPLINE: Host Protection**

# Discipline Roadmap for: Anti-Spyware



#### **Implications and Dependencies**

- Centralized management and administration of host-based clients.
- It is highly recommended that multiple products be used in concert in order to create an in-depth defense since not all products defend equally.

#### **Roadmap Notes**

Standard to be reviewed annually after adoption by the AOC.

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### Discipline Boundaries:

Spyware is a broad category of software designed to subvert a computer's operation for the benefit of a third party, without the informed consent of the owner. Spyware may be malicious in nature, intending to collect financial information for identify-theft or it can be relatively benign, originating form legitimate companies for the intended purpose of advertising. Anti-spyware is software that is designed to remove or block spyware.

### Discipline Standards:

Currently, there are no anti-spyware specific standards.

### Migration Considerations:

None

## Exception Considerations:

Specialized business needs requiring exception should be reviewed through the AOC exception process.

#### Miscellaneous Notes:

- Entities should consider restricting intentional downloading and installation of programs.
- □ Entities should consider providing training to educate users in areas, such as:
  - Understanding of End User License Agreement (EULA), since often times agreements to install spyware are included in the fine print.
  - Proper response to pop-up windows.
  - Recognition of spyware symptoms.
  - Awareness of suspicious emails and "free" software.
- □ Entities should consider tightening browser security, e.g. disabling Active X.
- Entities should consider installing pop-up blockers.

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